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Applicant : Roland L. Fernandez, *et al.*
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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated August 26, 2004. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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